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Please find below a communication from the EXAMINER in charge of the application.

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The communication filed on August 1, 1997 is non-responsive to the prior Office action because it fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.121(b). The following changes have been made without notation: In claim 9 line 2 "claim 1" has been added; in line 2 after tin "in" has been deleted; after line 4 of the amended claim "claim 1" has been deleted. In claim 15 line 5 the maximum range of Ge has been changed from 25 to 15. In line 1 of claims 17-18, and 20 the deleted semicolons should be commas. Further, the word "(amended)" should appear after the rewritten claims 17-20. (Further, although not objectionable by the rules, it is noted that ", by weight percent" has not been deleted in claim 19 as in claims 17-18, and 20, and in claims 21-23 "hardable" is misspelled.) Since the response appears to be *bona fide*, but through an apparent oversight or inadvertence failed to provide a complete response, applicant is required to complete the response within a TIME LIMIT of ONE MONTH from the date of this letter or within the time remaining in the response period of the last Office action, whichever is longer. NO EXTENSION OF THIS

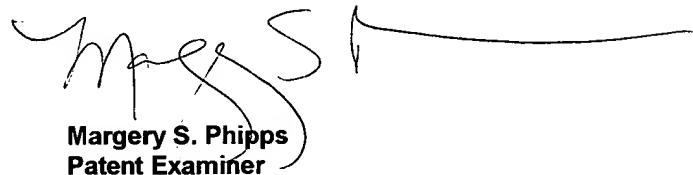
TIME LIMIT MAY BE GRANTED UNDER EITHER 37 CFR 1.136(a) OR (b), but [REDACTED] period for response set in the last office action may be extended up to a maximum of SIX MONTHS.

**Conclusion**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Margery Phipps whose telephone number is (703) 308-2946. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday, Tuesday or Thursday from 9-4.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Simmons, can be reached at 308-1972. The fax phone number for the group is (703) 305-7719.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0648.



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